(a) whether a Caretaker was appointed for the Inspection Quarter at Moradabad on 15th October, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Postmaster General, Bareilly stayed in the said inspection quarter from 12th September, 1990 to 16th September, 1990 when there was no caretaker;

(c) if so, with whom the rent of Inspection Quarter was deposited during that period;

(d) whether it is also a fact that most of the officers used the Inspection Quarter as their residence, and also draw the House Rent Allowance, and do not deposited the rent as fixed by the department; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against officers found guilty of drawing irregular HRA and occupying the inspection quarter illegally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no post of Caretaker sanctioned for Inspection Quarters as Moradabad.

(b) Yes, Sir. The work of looking after the Inspection Quarter was carried out by a contingent paid employee.

(c) Rent of Inspection Quarter for the period was paid to contingent employee who looked after the Inspection quarter.

(d) Some officers stayed in the Inspection Quarters for short spells for periods ranging upto four months and credited rent prescribed for short stays and also drew HRA.

(e) Inadmissible HRA and rent at the prescribed rates have already been recovered from such officers. In addition, it has been decided to warn the officers concerned.

Electronic exchange installed at Capyainganj, Distt. Deoria, Uttar Pradesh

1600. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the electronic Telephone Exchange installed at Capyainganj, Distt. Deoria, Uttar Pradesh is in a very bad condition;

(b) whether Government is also aware that although STD/ISD facilities have been provided from this exchange but they are not available in actual practice; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the STD/ISD facilities provided to this exchange at present will start functioning before the end of May 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, performance of Capyainganj Exchange is satisfactory.

(b) and (c) The STD/ISD to Capyainganj Exchange has now been provided on open wire carrier system which is prone to faults due to adverse weather conditions and thefts etc. The system will be replaced by more reliable media during 8th Five Year Plan.

Vacation of a building under deptt. of Post at Calcutta

1601. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his predecessor had promised an Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha vide his letter No. 67-25/86-PRP (BP-I) dated 30.10.91 that the